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List of themes in relation to the combined twentieth to twenty-fourth periodic reports of Burkina Faso

Note by the Country Rapporteur

1. The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination decided at its seventy-sixth session¹ that the Country Rapporteur would send to the State Party concerned a short list of themes, with a view to guiding and focusing the dialogue between the State Party's delegation and the Committee during the consideration of the State Party's report. The present document contains a list of such themes. It is not an exhaustive list; other issues may also be raised in the course of the dialogue. No written replies are required.

Statistics

2. Recent and comprehensive statistics on the ethnic composition of the population, as well as socioeconomic indicators relating to the different ethnic groups in the State Party.

The Convention in domestic law and the institutional and policy framework for its implementation (arts. 1, 2 and 4)

3. Measures taken to raise awareness of the Convention among judges, prosecutors, lawyers, law enforcement personnel, including members of armed auxiliary units of the defence and security forces, and the general public. Examples of cases in which the provisions of the Convention were invoked before and applied by domestic courts.

4. The definition of racial discrimination contained in article 322-2 of the Criminal Code and the extent to which it conforms with article 1 of the Convention.² The number of complaints filed, investigations undertaken and penalties imposed in relation to incidents of racial discrimination.

5. The functioning of the National Human Rights Commission and efforts to strengthen it, including the human, technical and material resources at its disposal. Please explain how the amendments made pursuant to Act No. 002-2021/AN of 30 March 2021 amending Act No. 001-2016/AN of 24 March 2016 on the National Human Rights Commission have brought the Commission into line with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles).³

¹ [A/65/18](#), para. 85.

² [CERD/C/BFA/CO/12-19](#), para. 6; and [CERD/C/BFA/20-24](#), paras. 12 and 112.

³ [CERD/C/BFA/CO/12-19](#), para. 14; and [CERD/C/BFA/20-24](#), para. 5.



6. The implementation of the legal provisions criminalizing hate speech, including article 332-4 of the Criminal Code, and of Act No. 087-2015/CNT of 17 December 2015, which establishes penalties for acts of discrimination committed through the media.⁴ The number of complaints filed, investigations undertaken and penalties imposed.

7. Measures taken to combat discrimination, stigmatization and incitement to hatred and violence against certain ethnic groups, particularly the Fulani, including measures to monitor the spread of racist hate speech on the Internet, in the media and on social media platforms.

8. Measures taken to combat the increase in racist attacks and hate crimes targeting members of the Fulani ethnic group and information on the number of investigations and prosecutions initiated and convictions secured in relation to these allegations and the penalties imposed on those responsible.

Situation of ethnic groups (arts. 2 and 5)

9. The impact of the security situation on certain ethnic communities, particularly the Fulani. Information on investigations and prosecutions initiated, convictions secured and penalties imposed in relation to allegations of serious human rights violations committed in particular against members of the Fulani ethnic group since 2019 in the context of clashes and military and security operations, often conducted with the participation of State armed forces and their auxiliaries, including the Volunteers for the Defence of the Homeland. Information on Operation Green Whirlwind 2 (Tourbillon Vert 2), conducted between February and April 2025 in the western part of Boucle du Mouhoun Region, including any available information on allegations of violations committed against members of the Fulani ethnic group.

10. Measures taken to combat and abolish all forms of discrimination based on descent, including the adoption of specific legislation. Information on the practical impact of awareness-raising and education campaigns conducted in this regard.⁵

11. The impact and results of measures adopted to combat the exploitation, abuse and trafficking of talibé and garibou children from neighbouring countries or belonging to certain ethnic groups. The number of complaints filed, investigations carried out and convictions secured concerning cases of forced begging and any form of abuse, maltreatment or exploitation of talibé or garibou children.⁶

12. The implementation of the first National Economic and Social Development Plan, for the period 2016–2020,⁷ and related measures, and their impact on the protection of the economic, social, and cultural rights of all persons without discrimination.⁸

13. Information on the role and functions of the National Observatory for the Prevention and Management of Community Conflicts⁹ and the impact of its activities, particularly those aimed at preventing and reducing inter-ethnic tensions and clashes, as well as conflicts between herders and farmers.¹⁰

Situation of non-citizens (arts. 2 and 5)

14. The implementation of Act No. 042-2008/AN on the Status of Refugees and measures adopted to ensure the effective protection of asylum-seekers and refugees, including their access to employment. Information on the remedies available under the asylum procedure.¹¹

⁴ CERD/C/BFA/CO/12-19, para. 7; CERD/C/BFA/20-24, paras. 14–18.

⁵ CERD/C/BFA/CO/12-19, para. 8.

⁶ CERD/C/BFA/CO/12-19, para. 11.

⁷ CERD/C/BFA/20-24, paras. 65 and 115.

⁸ CERD/C/BFA/CO/12-19, para. 12.

⁹ CERD/C/BFA/20-24, paras. 87–94.

¹⁰ CERD/C/BFA/CO/12-19, para. 15.

¹¹ CERD/C/BFA/CO/12-19, para. 10.

15. Measures taken to prevent situations of statelessness, ensure birth registration when the parents are migrants, asylum-seekers or refugees and improve access to registry offices.¹²

16. Information on the impact of the implementation of Act No. 001-2024/ALT of 22 February 2024 on the Conditions of Entry, Stay and Exit for Nationals of Burkina Faso and Foreigners.

Situation of human rights defenders (arts. 2 and 5)

17. Measures to ensure that human rights defenders – including those belonging to ethnic groups or working to protect the rights of such groups – journalists and civil society organizations can carry out their activities effectively and without fear of reprisals.

Multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination (arts. 2 and 5)

18. The implementation of Act No. 061-2015/CNT of 6 September 2015 on the Prevention and Punishment of Violence against Women and Girls and Reparation and Support for Victims and article 513-1 of the Criminal Code.¹³ The number of complaints filed, investigations conducted and penalties imposed in cases of violence against women.

19. The implementation of the provisions of the Criminal Code and the Persons and Family Code aimed at combating harmful practices against women, including forced marriages, female genital mutilation, levirate marriage and sororate marriage, as well as other measures adopted in this regard. Information on the implementation of the road map for the rescue and reintegration of persons excluded from society for alleged witchcraft, and on other measures adopted to combat discrimination against and social exclusion of women accused of witchcraft.¹⁴

20. Measures taken to combat discrimination against persons with albinism.

Access to justice (art. 6)

21. Steps taken to ensure access to legal remedies in cases of racial discrimination. Measures taken to ensure that judges are able to work independently and safely and carry out their activities without fear of reprisals, including forced conscription.

22. Steps taken to prevent ethnic profiling of certain groups, in particular members of the Fulani ethnic group, by law enforcement agencies, including the defence and security forces, the Volunteers for the Defence of the Homeland and members of the Civic Brigade for Order and Discipline, known as the “Laabal Brigade”. Information on measures taken to combat discrimination against and stigmatization of members of the Fulani ethnic group, who are often targeted because of their alleged links to terrorism.

Human rights training and awareness-raising (art. 7)

23. Up-to-date information on training and education programmes on human rights, including the provisions of the Convention, and their impact. Information on the impact of awareness-raising campaigns aimed at strengthening national cohesion and eliminating all discriminatory practices based on ethnicity or descent.¹⁵

¹² Ibid.

¹³ CERD/C/BFA/20-24, para. 28.

¹⁴ CERD/C/BFA/CO/12-19, para. 9; and CERD/C/BFA/20-24, para. 32.

¹⁵ CERD/C/BFA/CO/12-19, para. 16.